

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Methyl ethyl ketone was added to 6.5 parts by weight of a fluoro-resin "HYLAR 301 F" (commercially available from Ausmond) and 3.5 parts by weight of an acrylate resin "~~Dianal~~ DIANAL BR-80" (commercially available from Mitsubishi Rayon Co., Ltd.), based on 1000 parts by weight of the resulting core material, to give a resin solution for coating the core material. This resin solution was spray-coated on the above-described core material using a fluidized-coating device. Thereafter, a heat treatment was carried out at 100°C for 60 minutes in the fluidized bed, to give a carrier A having an average particle size of 110 μm . The saturation magnetization of the carrier A was 52.5 Am^2/kg .